

# Pesticide Collection Nets 13 Tons Sets record For One-Day Clean Up

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's annual unwanted Pesticide Collection Program continues to accelerate. The latest collection effort netted 26,600 pounds of outdated or unwanted pesticides from Utah farmers/ranchers and other agriculture-related businesses.

"Our collection numbers generally continue to increase year after year," said Division of Plant Industry Director, Dick Wilson. "This year we doubled the number of pounds collected, compared with our first year," he added.

The department collected 11,453 pounds of pesticides in 1993. The latest collection, completed in early November of 2000, totaled 26,600 pounds of material.

The program is offered free to farmers, ranchers and others with "no questions asked." It is intended to let owners of old or unused pesticide dispose of the material without any worries. It's also intended to help care for the environment by disposing of outdated or unused pesticides that could leak into the soil or be illegally disposed.

This year's collection took place at the Utah Department of Transportation's Maintenance Station in Santaquin. A total of 46 individuals brought loads ranging in weight from 37 pounds to 7,000 pounds.

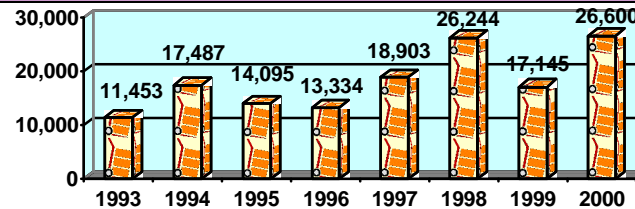
For more information about the program contact Clair Allen at the UDAF: (801) 538-7123 or at: [agmain.callen@state.ut.us](mailto:agmain.callen@state.ut.us).



*Employees of Safety Clean Disposal Company weigh and inventory unwanted pesticides collected from a Utah farmer during the UDAF's 8th annual free pesticide collection program in Santaquin, Utah Nov. 9, 2000.*

## UDAF Pesticide Collection Program

pounds collected



**72 Tons  
Collected  
Since '93**

**TOTAL COST  
\$394,576  
cost per pound  
\$2.72**

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*Above:* Sue Mounteer, 15 years; Marolyn Leetham, 15 yrs; Joan Winger, 15 years; Janet Haws, 20 years; Anne Johnson, 5 years; Division Director, Renee Matsuura, 20



*Above:* James Dalebout, 10 years; Darrell Cook, 15 years; Rod Campbell, 25 years; Don Day, 25 years; Carl Bott, 30 years; Kurtis Abegglen, 5 years; Plant Industry Director, Dick Wilson, 35 years.



*Above:* Ralph Rothe, 10 years; Dr. Earl Rogers, 10 years; Jack Nielson, 10 years; Russell Holt, 10 years; Amino Acid Industry Division Director, Dr. Mike Marshall. Other division employees not pictured; Wayne Black, 5 years; Ross Johnson, 20 years; Orval Palmer, 20 years; Rodney Wilkins, 15 years; Al Barney, 10 years; Owen Hardy, 10 years; Nancy Long, 10 years; Paul Staker, 5 years.



*Left:* Jack Wilbur, 10 years; Marty Lenoir, 10 years, Marketing and Conservation Division Director, Randy Parker.



*Above:* Mohammed Sharaf, 10 years; Bill Eccleston, 25 years; Cham Hoang, 15 years; Joyce Baggs, 20 years; Chemistry Lab Director, Dr. David Clark.



*Above:* James Leavitt, 15 years; Kyle Mortensen, 10 years; Shirley Reynolds, 5 years; LaRae Larsen, 15 years; Regulatory Division Director, Kyle Stephens 25 years. Other division employees not pictured, Gary Hartt, 15 years.



*Left:* Lt. Gov. Olene Walker congratulates Commissioner Peterson for 27 years of service to the State. Ms. Walker encouraged the commissioner to continue his service through the next term of office.

## UDAF Selects Its First Employee of the Year

Administrative Services' Programmer/Analyst, Ken Gee received the department's first Employee of the Year award at the department's annual awards luncheon Nov. 6. Gee received a certificate and \$1,000.

"There is one impressive employee who receives little public exposure, works largely behind the scenes, and plays a vital support role in computer programming and system maintenance," said Commissioner Cary G. Peterson. "That is why I am happy to select Administrative Services' Ken Gee as this year's Employee of the Year."

The commissioner added that there are many capable and dedicated people serving the citizens of Utah as employees of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

### How To Be Next Year's Winner

Begin now to become eligible for next year's award, and think of others who may deserve it.

Selection criteria: (a) extraordinary competence in performing their functions; (b) creativity in identifying problems and devising workable, cost-effective solutions to them; (c) excellent relationships with the public and other employees; (d) commitment to serving the public as the client; (e) and a commitment to economy and efficiency in government.

The Utah Legislature created an Employee Recognition Statute (67-19c-101), to recognize an outstanding employee in each department of state government.

Timeline for nominations: By April of each year nominations for outstanding employee should be submitted to the department's Human Resources Office. By July, the commissioner will select and announce the employee of the year.

The dollar amount for the award may vary each year depending on funds allocated by the Legislature. In general, the award will up to \$1,000.

Nomination forms are available through the department's HR office or on line at [www.ag.state.ut.us](http://www.ag.state.ut.us).